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<b>In the Application of:</b>	)	
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<b>For:</b> DECORATIVE HARD COATING	)	
AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURE	)	
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<b>Group Art Unit No.:</b> 1775	)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the final Office action in the above-entitled application, mailed December 12, 2006, which sets a three months shortened statutory period for a response. This paper is therefore timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.